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## IN THE SPECIFICATION.

## Page 5, the paragraph beginning at line 10 and continuing through line 19.

The service level request reception means SLR\_Re\_M has an input-terminal that is at the same time an input-terminal I<sub>2</sub> of the data receiving element DRE and an output-terminal that is coupled to an input-terminal of the service level negotiating and proposing means SL\_NP\_M that in its turn is coupled with an output-terminal to an input-terminal of the service level request reception means SLR\_Re\_M. The service level proposal sending means SLP\_S\_M has an output-terminal that is at the same time an output-terminal O<sub>3</sub> of the data receiving element DRE. Then the data receiving means DRM contains an input-terminal that is at the same time an input-terminal I<sub>3</sub> of the data receiving element DRE.